Progress of Nathpa-Jhakri Power Project

3815. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of Nathpa-Jhakri hydroelectric project in Himachal Pradesh has reduced down during the last six months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the World Bank has also expressed its concern about the progress of the project; and

(d) if so, steps being taken to expedite the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Increase in the Rate of Power-Tariff

3816. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government propose to increase the rate of power tariff in the country in order to attract foreign investment; and

(b) if so, the extent of increase contemplated and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

3817. [*Transferred to 25th August,* 1993]

Russian Package for Tehri Hydro Project

3818. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state,

(a) whether it is a fact that the Russian Sponsored consortium has offered a package for the Tehri hydro Electric project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the conditionalities if any, attached with the offer; and

(c) the decision taken by the government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The package offers suppliers/commercial credit for the hydro-power equipment being made available. The Russian and Ukrainian partners will provide supplier credit upto 55% of the cost of their portion; while 50% cost of their equipment is payable in Dollars, the remaining 50% will be paid through exports of goods from India to Russia/Ukraine. In case of ABB partners about 85% of the cost of suppliers is proposed to be financed through credit on commercial terms in the currency of the country making the supply.

(c) No decision has been taken by the Government in this matter.

Environmental Conditionalities of World Bank for NTPC Power Projects

3819. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has stipulated tough new environmental conditions for NTPC in setting up new thermal power stations;

(b) what are the new terms and conditions set up by the World Bank in this matter;

(c) what is the reaction of NTPC to these conditions;

(d) whether any cost benefit analysis have been done by NTPC if it avails such stipulated World Bank loans; and

(e) if not, details of such an analysis on cost benefit done by NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (e) The loan of US$ 400 million sanctioned by the World Bank for the Power Generation Project of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) incorporates the mutual understanding arrived at during negotiations between the Bank and the NTPC on environmental and other matters related to this loan. The costs of environmental protection are an integral part of the project costs and taken into account in arriving at net project benefit.

योजना आयोग द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश राज्य विद्युत बोर्ड को उपलब्ध कराई गई धनराशि

3820. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग** : क्या **विद्युत** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) योजना आयोग द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश विद्युत बोर्ड को विभिन्न लघु/सूक्ष्म जल विद्युत परियोजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन हेतु वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान कितनी धनराशि उपलब्ध कराई गई है ;

(ख) क्या उपलब्ध कराई गई यह धनराशि पर्याप्त है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इन परियोजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन के लिए अतिरिक्त धनराशि किन स्रोतों से प्राप्त होगी ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगया नायुडु) : (क) से (ग) मध्य प्रदेश की लघु/मिनी/माइक्रो जल विद्युत परियोजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन हेतु योजना आयोग द्वारा वर्ष 1993-94 में 340 लाख रुपये के परिव्यय को अनुमोदित कर दिया गया है। योजना आयोग द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई गई राशि का प्रावधान मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तावित राशि की तुलना में 100% है।

Kayamkulam Power Project

3821. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of financial tie up the proposed Kayamkulam Super Thermal Power Project of NTPC would be delayed inordinately;

(b) what is the progress made by the Government in mobilizing financial resources for this project and details thereof;

(c) whether it would be possible for this project to be completely commissioned within another five years; and

(d) if not, what is the exact time frame of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project of the National Thermal Power Corporation could not be accorded investment approval in the absence of financing arrangements. The project has been posed to the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan for financial assistance. The commissioning schedule can be estimated after Government clearance to the project is accorded and orders for main plant and equipment has been placed on the suppliers.

NTPC dues pending with GAIL and CIL

3822. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding dues pending for GAIL and CIL by the NTPC;

(b) the arrears to be collected by NTPC from the State Electricity Boards with details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being considered by the Government to break this vicious circle of one PSU owing due to another, thereby affecting the development activities, especially in the power sector?